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Peru: The ouster of General Ricardo Perez Godoy on 3 March from his position as head of the military junta and the Peruvian Government may be followed by a decree outlawing the leftist, anti-Communist political party, APRA, a move which APRA spokesmen have said they would meet with violence and possibly revolution.

The military leaders' aversion to serving under a government dominated by APRA precipitated the military coup that negated the elections of June 1962. Perez Godoy's reluctance to outlaw APRA in spite of severe pressure from his fellow junta members caused a serious dispute within the junta in January. Perez Godoy's ouster apparently was triggered by the National Election Board's validation on 1 March of APRA candidates for the 9 June election.

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France: The three leading French unions have decided to confront the government with a strike of indefinite duration in the nationalized coal industry despite a formal government order to conscript striking miners.

Non-Communist confederation leaders had hoped earlier to avoid a showdown at this time but decided that the feeling among the miners favoring a strike is too strong to be put off. The Communist-led General Workers' Confederation, the largest of the three, had originally called a 48-hour strike to end on 3 March, but has now thrown its weight behind the unlimited strike.

The government has refused to meet the miners' demands for an 11-percent wage increase, hoping to hold the line against rising prices and inflation. The coal strike reflects rising labor unrest in government-run enterprises where wages lag behind those in private industry.

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USSR: There are indications that the major reorganization launched last November to strengthen party control over industry and agriculture is running into trouble. Some provisions of the reorganization were rescinded by an edict of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on 22 February. Also, important new administrative positions created by last fall's changes have still not been filled. These signs may indicate disagreement within the leadership.

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Panama / Central America: President Chiari's government has decided to make a formal request during the San Jose meeting of presidents for associate membership in the proposed Central American Common Market. By this move, Panama apparently wishes to give an appearance of being cooperative without compromising its long-standing claims to special economic and political status.

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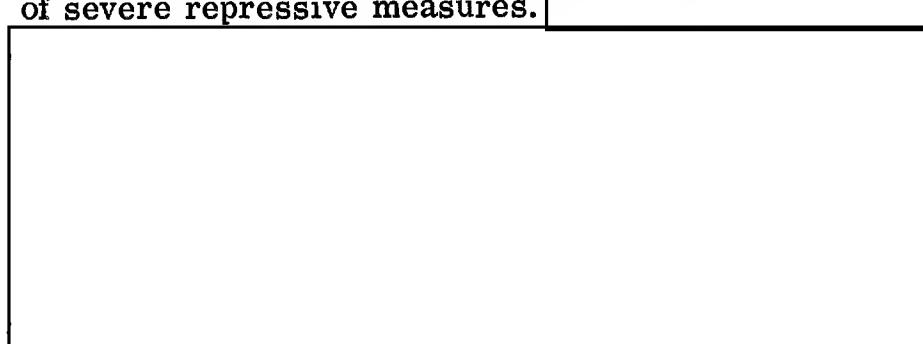
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US-EEC: European attacks on US agricultural trade policies have been increasing in recent weeks. The campaign, which has the earmarks of being a concerted one, has apparently been initiated by France, the EEC's largest agricultural producer. There is fairly widespread sympathy in all the Common Market countries for the argument now being stressed that Europe should be under no obligation to provide an expanding market for US farm surpluses.

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Haiti: Antiregime activity continues against President Duvalier despite his renewal last month of severe repressive measures.



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